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Its object is "to illustrate the inconsistency of war with Christianity, to show its baleful influence on all the great interests of mankind, and devise means for securing universal and permanent peace." For this purpose it seeks to form a public opinion in favor of superseding war by peaceful expedients that shall be more effectual than war for the great ends of international security and justice, such as Occasional Reference, Stipulated Arbitration, and a Congress of Nations. These expedients, identical in principle with the system of laws and courts provided by every government for its own subjects, we would have extended, with suitable modifications, to the Brotherhood of Nations for the settlement of their disputes in essentially the same way that individuals and minor communities do theirs.

The Society prints and circulates pamphlets, tracts and volumes, holds public meetings, and maintains correspondence with the friends of peace in other countries, watches against the approach of national hostilities, and strives to avert them by timely remonstrance, and other means of prevention. It endeavors, also, to enlist in this cause the Christian Pulpit, the entire Periodical Press, and all seminaries of learning, as the chief engines for creating or controlling public opinion. By such instrumentalities it hopes in time to induce governments to exchange their present War-System for peaceful methods of settling their difficulties.

The Society, seeking an object of common interest to all good men, invites, without regard to sect in religion, or party in politics, the co-operation of all that are willing for any reason to aid in doing away the custom of International War, and thus insuring permanent "peace on earth, and good-will among men."

Need of Funds. — These operations will require for full success a large amount of funds in supporting our Central Office and Periodical, in establishing depositories of Peace Publications in great centres through the country, and employing in every State Lecturers and Colporteurs to keep the subject constantly before the mass of the people, and especially to bring it before Ecclesiastical Bodies, Seminaries of Learning and the State and National Legislatures.

Sources of Income. — These are collections, donations, legacies, and the sale of publications, besides Life-Directorships, fifty dollars; Life-Memberships, twenty dollars; and Annual Memberships, two dollars. To all these the Society's periodical is sent without charge, as also to every minister of the gospel who preaches on the subject not less than once a year, and secures a collection or subscription on behalf of the cause.

Form of Bequest. — I give and bequeath to the American Peace Society, incorporated by the Legislature of Massachusetts, the sum of ——— dollars, to be paid in ——— months after my decease, for the purposes of said Society, and for which the receipt of its Treasurer for the time being shall be a sufficient discharge.— Be very careful to give the Society its exact name, and have the Will drawn in the way, and attested by the number of witnesses, required by the laws of your State, or your purpose will very probably be defeated.

☞ This cause greatly needs a tenfold, if not a fifty-fold increase of funds. A hundred will bequeath to such popular causes as the Bible or the Missionary Society, where one does now to this; and hence our friends, so long as it remains thus neglected, should remember it all the more generously in their wills. Does it not deserve this? If sustained from the start as it might and should have been throughout our country, it might, probably would have averted our late rebellion, which is supposed to have killed or crippled for life nearly a million men, and to have spent or destroyed eight or ten thousand million dollars of property. Can money be used to any better purpose than in preventing such evils?

COMMENDATION.

The following document, signed in 1853 by distinguished representatives of nine different denominations of Christians, will show the general estimation in which our Society, as well as our cause, is held by such men as President Nott, D.D., LL.D., Bishop Potter of Pennsylvania, Dr. Wayland, President of Brown University, Hon. Theodore Frelinghuysen, LL.D., Isaac Collins, of Philadelphia, Henry Dwight, so long Pres. Am. Home Miss. Soc. All these and some other signers have deceased; but of surviving signers, we append a renewal of their names, along with some additional names, making, in all, the representatives of ten different denominations.

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